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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amend.

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Having shown in Applicants' "Resubmission" of August 5, 2004 that Applicants responded to the Official Office Action of March 11, 2004 by an amendment that was transmitted to the USPTO on March 31, 2004 by facsimile transmission with respective ones of Certificates of Facsimile Transmission, Applicants again respectfully request that March 31, 2004 be recognized as the date that the USPTO received Applicants' Non-Compliant Amendment.

Therefore, having responded to the USPTO Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment by resubmitting Claims 1-25, with the parenthetical identification of Claim 1 changed from "(amended)" to "(Currently amended)," Applicants respectfully request that the subject patent application be declared compliant, that Applicants' response be declared timely without a Petition for an Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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